

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2025

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the Son from the Father.” John 1:14

The Altamont First United Women in Faith will be the guest of Marcia Reardon and Tea & Thee at a Christmas Brunch at Marcia’s home on Tuesday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to bring food or snack that would be great! PLEASE NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE FOR UWF... 9:00 a.m.

This month the missions of UWF go to the Altamont Grade School, SPERO, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Cunningham Children’s Home.

Many of you might notice our programs this year are mission by local residents. In October Jason Williams spoke about being a missionary to the ranch in Montana. In November Gene Logue spoke on the mission activities of the Altamont Lions Club. Gene presented the Charter of 1939 with the names of the Altamont citizens: E.C. Ballard, E. L. Haag, Roll Babbs, Earl Stice, W. A. Kull, Arthur Weiler, W. J. Campbell, Curtis Ferris, Edwin Carr, Pete Gianopolous, Fred Habing, Harry Schumacher, Ralph Casey, Milton Smith and Herman Stettbacher. Do any of you remember these men or have heard of their name? Gene, who is the Lions Club secretary, told our members about 38 missions they have sponsored so far this year. The Altamont Lions have been serving the Altamont Community many decades with many sports programs and a number of facilities like the baseball diamonds. It was a very informative program and our women thank Gene and the Lions for their missions.

Beginning in 2026 the UWF will continue with local mission programs. One of our speakers will be Shaun Spechter. He is the owner of the coffee shop along Rt. 40 by the Senior Apartments, called FEED THE CRAVE. From the title one can guess his mission country...Costa Rica. Please check out his web site and later he will tell about Costa Rica and his mission work plus why the coffee shop!

It is good to be connected to the East District, the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and the United Methodist around the world. Many great things are happening in many areas. A few are listed: Our members are saddened to learn of Mary Anderson’s passing and she will be remembered in our East District memorial service, The Wesley United Methodist Church in Charleston recently had a Dinner & Silent Auction with great music (food catered by Niemerg’s), Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church had a Music For Mission 2025, and Bloomington Wesley UMC’s Missions Committee is bringing together a mission team to serve at ODIM-Guatemala for the week of Jan.31- Feb 7, 2026. Connie Wieck will be in the IGRC July 7 – Aug. 24, 2026 and can be booked as a speaker, from Moline one can join a

mission trip to the Philippines that will be April 4 – 20, 2026 in Bohol. They will help construct a church, the 2nd one to be built on this island, the largest island in the Visaya part of the Philippines. There is a youth retreat on December 5 -7, 2025 for youth and adults at Little Grassy Campgrounds. The Blue Mound UMC has The Bread Club: breaking bread, building community and finding God. Harrisburg First UMC has had an Annual Community Day and an annual Trivia Night and in Rock Island – the Quad Cities Coalition of the UMC 29 youth gathered for Confirmation. Just one other to mention, Highland Hope UMC had their Blessing of the Animals/Pets service. Did you know one of Beecher City UMC Blessing of the Pets mornings had dogs and cats and even chickens were brought to be blessed?

***MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRIST BE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS!***



Submitted by Shirley Harder